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SUBJECT: GATT WP ON PARAGUAYAN ACCESSION

REF: A. GENEVA 8166, B. GATT DOCUMENT L/4227

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED REF DOC AND HAVE THE  
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FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

A. DO THE PAYMENTS AGREEMENTS REFERRED TO IN QUESTION 5 WITH URUGUAY, DENMARK, SPAIN, ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND YUGOSLAVIA CONSTITUTE BILATERAL CLEARING ARRANGEMENTS? IF NOT, WHAT KIND OF PAYMENTS AGREEMENTS ARE THEY? IF THEY ARE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, WOULD THE GOP BE WILLING TO PHASE OUT SUCH AGREEMENTS?

B. USG IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS DESCRIBED IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 6, 7 AND 8 WOULD CONSTITUTE DEROGATIONS FROM ARTICLE XI. UNDER WHAT PROVISIONS OF THE GATT WOULD PARAGUAY JUSTIFY SUCH RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS IF PARAGUAY COMPLETES IT ACCESSION?

C. IS THE GOP PREPARED TO TERMINATE ITS SYSTEM OF PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSITS? WHAT IS THE GATT RATIONALE FOR MAINTAINING SUCH A RESTRICTION? THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE XI.

D. WOULD THE GOP EXPLAIN THE APPLICATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE ADDITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY AD VALOREM DUTIES MENTIONED IN QUESTION 13? TO HOW MANY PRODUCTS ARE THEY APPLIED? IS THEIR ELIMINATION PLANNED AND IF SO BY WHEN?

E. WOULD THE GOP BE PREPARED TO BRING ITS LICENSING SYSTEM INTO CONFORMITY WITH PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM DISCUSSIONS IN THE MTN?

2. U.S. REP MAY EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR GOP ACCESSION BUT SHOULD DRAW ON PARA 1 IN COMMENTING ON REF DOC. U.S. REP MAY ALSO INDICATE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS AND INQUIRE, EITHER IN THE MEETING OR INFORMALLY, WHEN PARAGUAY WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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